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NOTATION ATMOSPHEA, Rappahannock River -Corrotoman River to Fredericksburg, VA

NOAA Chart 12237

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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Rappahannock River flows into the west side of Chesapeake Bay 45.7 miles by channel from the Virginia Capes.
Fredericksburg, 93 miles above the mouth, is the head of practical navigation.
Traffic on the river consists chiefly of pulpwood, shellfish and shells, chemicals, and some sand and gravel. Drafts of vessels using the river seldom exceed 11 feet and are mostly 6 feet or less.

Mileages on Rappahannock River, such as Mile 15N and Mile 32W, are the nautical miles above the midchannel point on a line drawn from Stingray Point to Windmill Point. The letters N, S, E, or W following the

numbers denote by compass points the side of the river where each feature is located.

The river has natural depths of 15 feet or more to the bridge at Tappahannock, 37.4 miles above the mouth. Above this point, a Federal project provides for dredging of the bars to provide a channel 12 feet deep to Fredericksburg. In 1955-1977, the controlling depths were 8.5 feet from the bridge at Tappahannock to the bridge at Port Royal, Mile 68.3, thence 9 feet to the Fredericksburg Bar, Mile 93.0, thence 6.5 feet to Steamboat Wharf and 4 feet to the Standard Oil Co. Wharf, Miles 93.1 and 93.2, respectively, at Fredericksburg.

In general, vessels can anchor anywhere near the channel of the Rappahannock River where the bottom is soft and the depth suitable. Deep-draft vessels will find good anchorage 3 to 5 miles from the mouth. Carter and Urbanna Creeks are used extensively as harbors by small craft.

The channel from the mouth of Rappahannock River to Tappahannock is comparatively straight, but gradually decreases in width and leads between shoals that make out from both banks. The principal dangers are marked. Strangers can take a draft of 10 feet to Tappahannock by day with the aid of the chart, but navigation of the narrow, crooked channel farther up requires local knowledge. There are rocks in places on both sides of the channel for 4 miles below Fredericksburg, and the shores should be given a good berth. Strangers can safely carry a draft of 5 feet to Fredericksburg with the aid of the chart.

Currents.—The currents follow the general direction of the channel. The velocities throughout the river are usually weak, averaging less than 1 knot at the entrance to 1.4 knots at Tappahannock. Times of slack water and strength of current become later going upriver. These normal conditions are subject to change by winds and changes in drainage flow. Ice.—During severe winters, ice closes the river nearly to Tappahannock, but in ordinary winters the channels are usually kept open by the river traffic. Ice sufficient to interfere with navigation of small craft will usually be encountered in January and February, particularly above Port Royal.

Supplies and Repairs.—The principal places along Rappahannock River for supplies and small-vessel **repairs** are Broad Creek, Carter Creek, and Urbanna Creek.

The entrance to Rappahannock River is between Stingray Point and Windmill Point, 45.7 miles above the Capes. This is the Mile 0.0 for distances on the Rappahannock. The shores on both sides of the entrance are wooded; the two lights, off Stingray and Windmill Points, are the most prominent landmarks.

Rappahannock Spit extends southeastward from Windmill Point for about 4.5 miles, and has depths of 4 to 18 feet. Windmill Point Light (37°35'49"N., 76°14'10"W.), 34 feet above the water, is shown from a platform with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark, in depths of 12 feet on the spit 2.3 miles from the point.

Depths of 10 feet can be carried across Rappahannock Spit anywhere outside Windmill Point Light. About 0.4 mile outside the light, a buoyed lane that extends southwestward through the fishtraps is a short cut for lightdraft vessels approaching the river from northward.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center

24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk Commander

5th CG District (575) 398-6231

Norfolk, VA



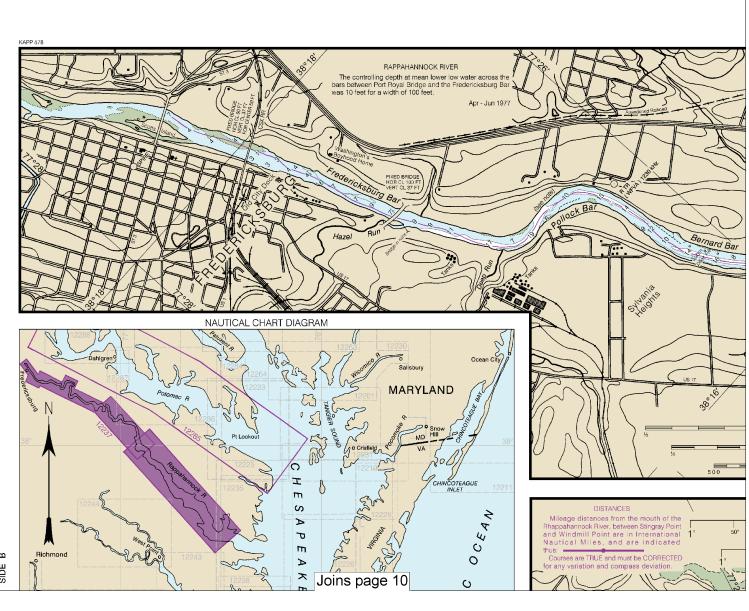
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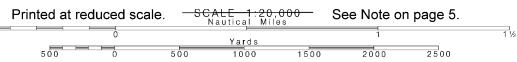
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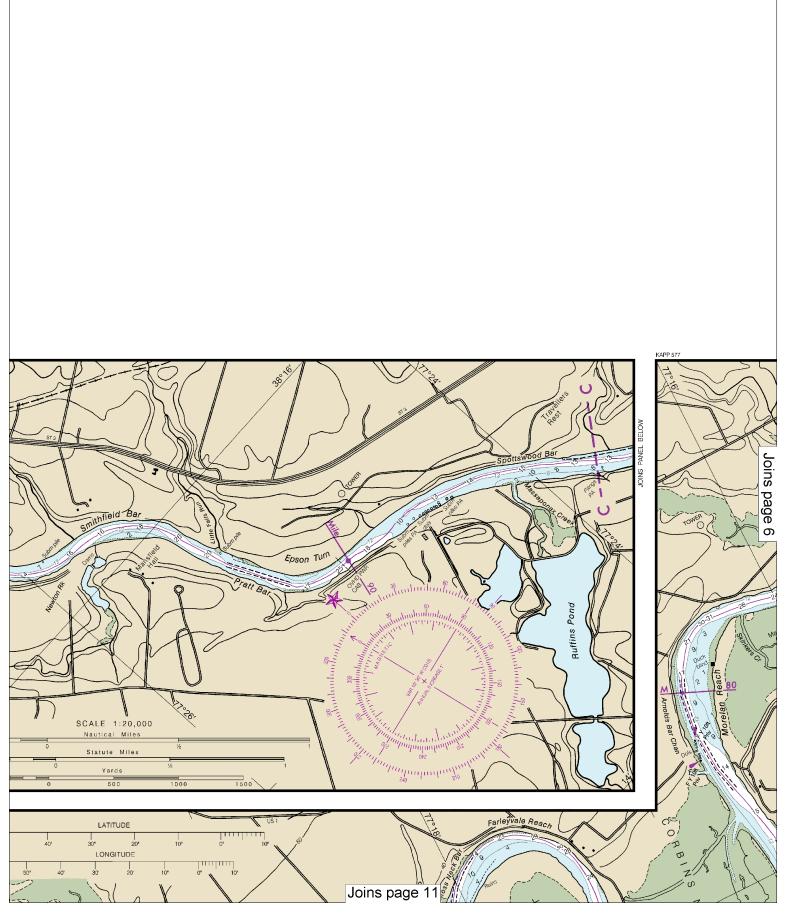
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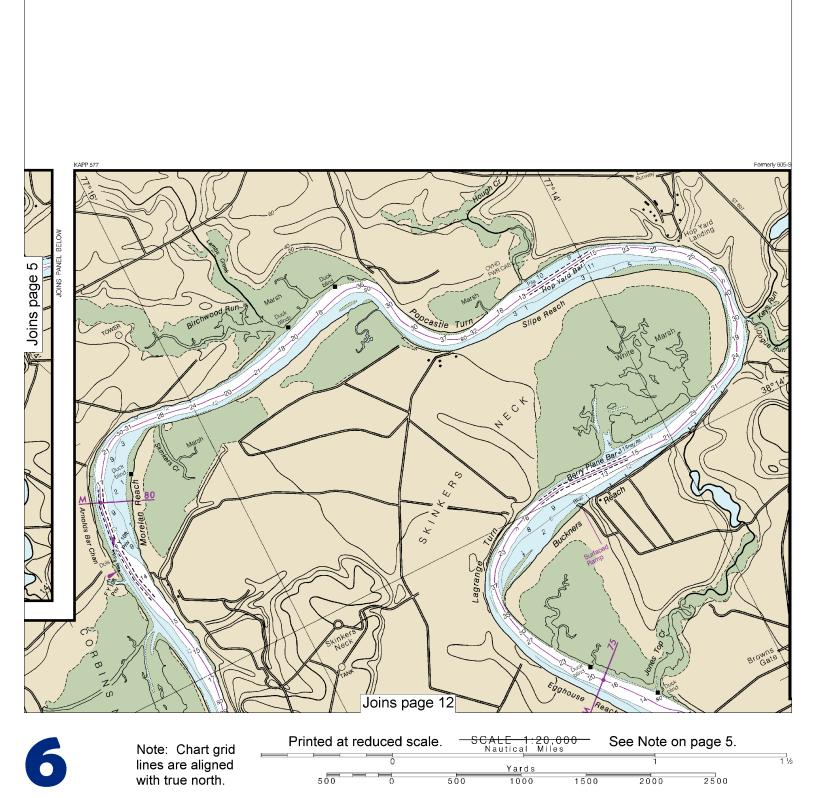












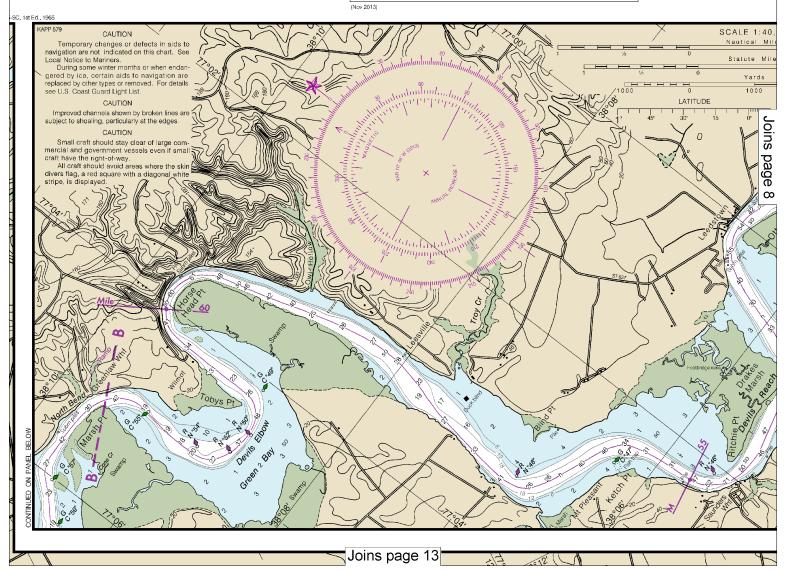
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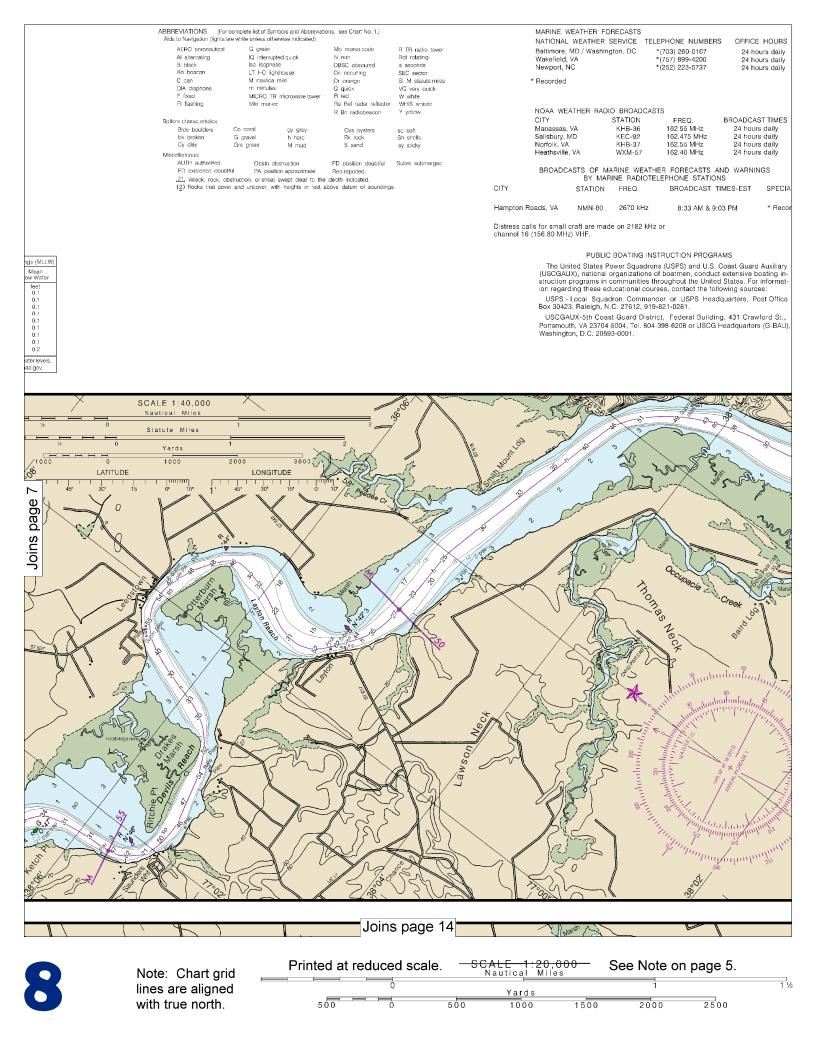
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TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW			
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Waler	Mean Figh Water	Mean Low Water
		feet	feet	feet
Millenbeck	(37°40'N/76°29'W)	1.5	1.4	0.1
Urbanna	(37°39'N/76°34 W)	1.6	1.5	0.1
Bayport	(37°45'N/76°40 W)	1.8	1.7	0.1
Wares Wharf	(37°52'N/76°47 W)	2.1	1.9	0.1
Tappahannock	(37°56'N/76°51 W)	1.9	1.8	0.1
Saunders Wharf	(38°05'N/77°02 W)	1.7	1.6	0.1
Park Turn	(38°13'N/77°15 W)	2.4	2.3	0.1
Hopyard Landing	(38°15'N/77°14'W)	2.4	2.2	0.1
Massaponax Sand & Gravel	(38°15'N/77°25'W)	2.8	2.6	0.2

Dashes (+ - -) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Heal-time water levels, tide credictions, and tidal current precictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.





MERCATOR PROJECTION AT SCALE 1:20,000 & 40,000 SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983 (WORLD GEODETIC SYSTEM 1984)

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

WARNING

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The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

CAUTION

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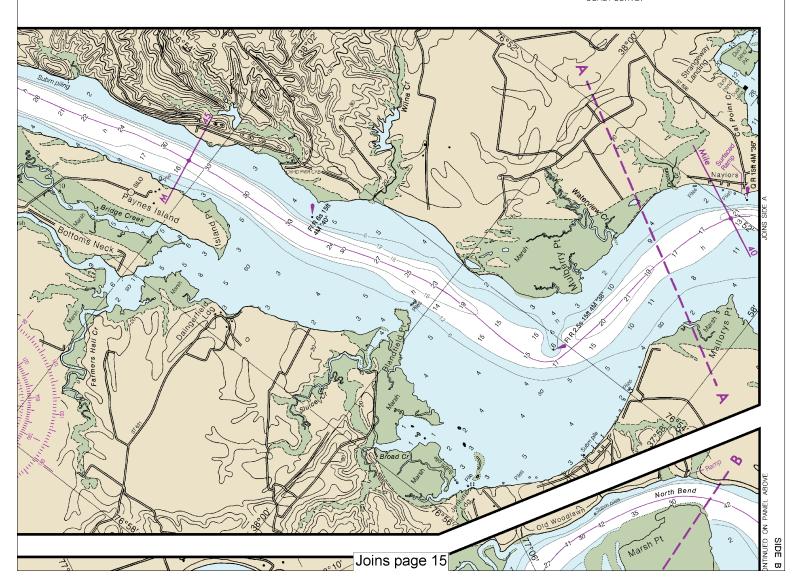


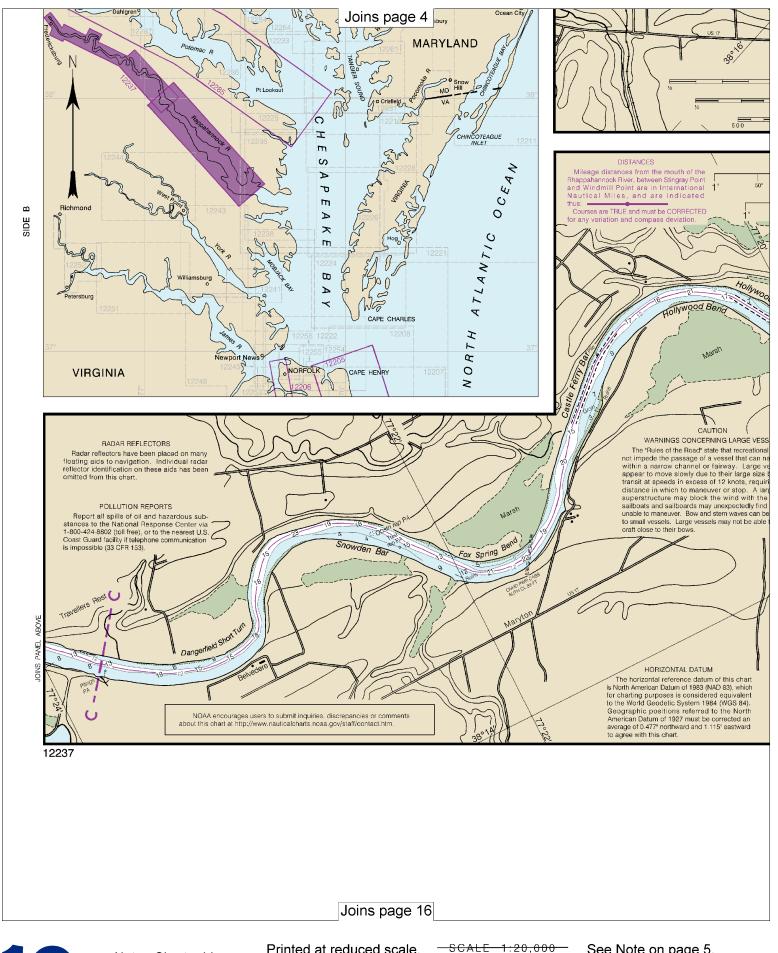
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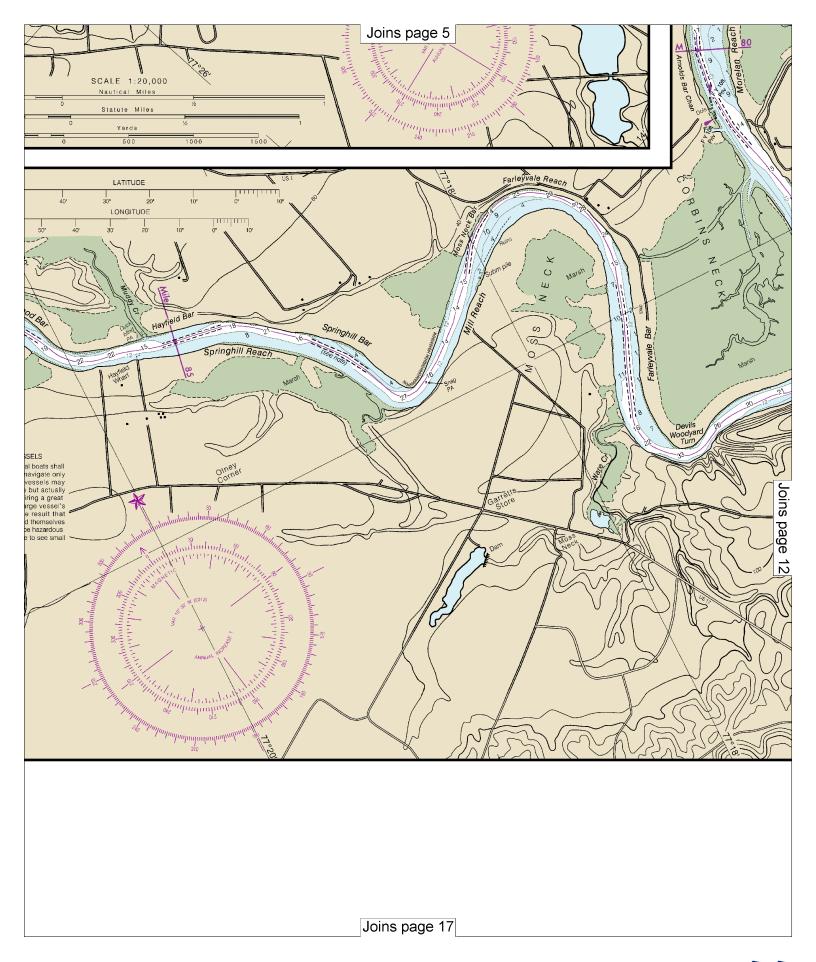
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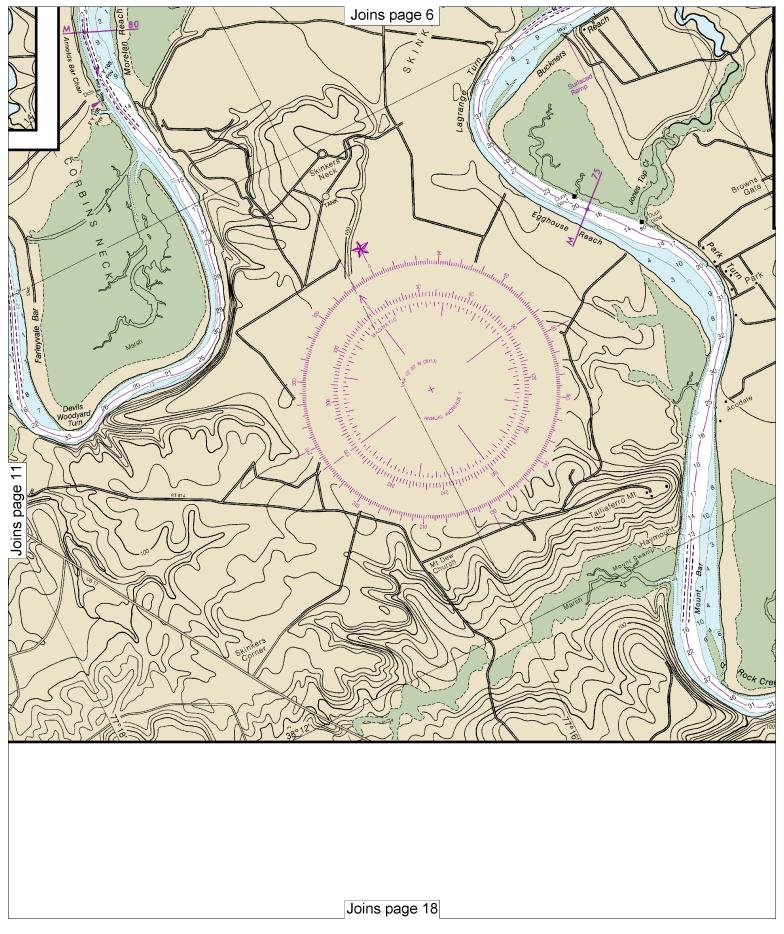
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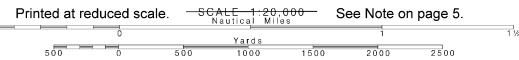


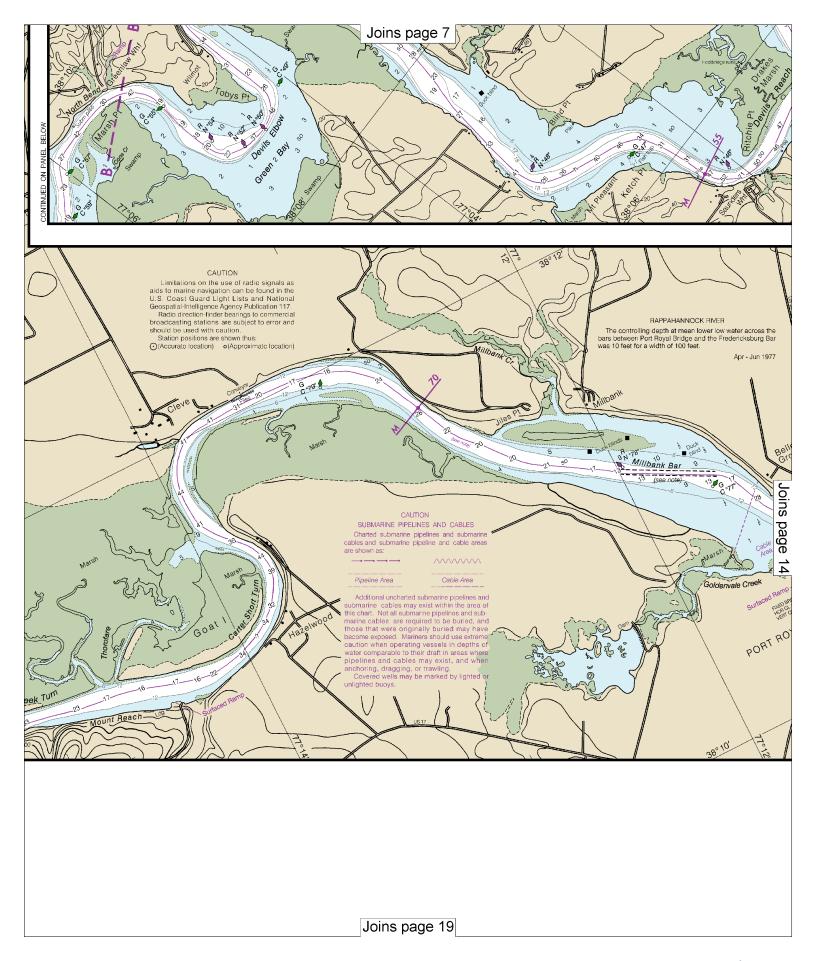


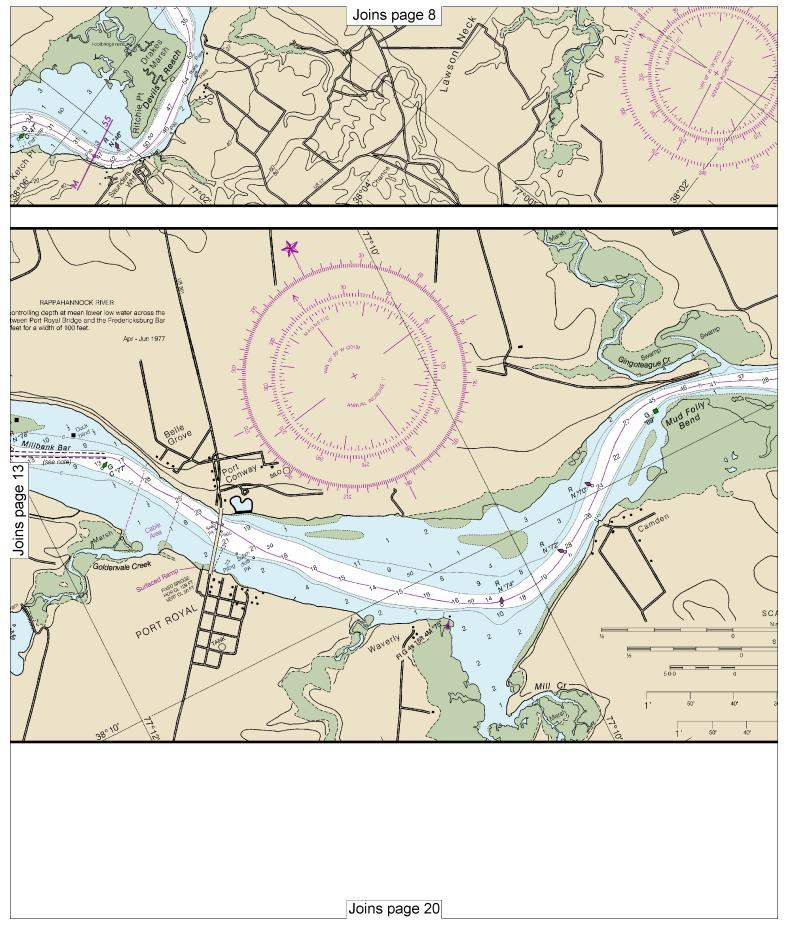




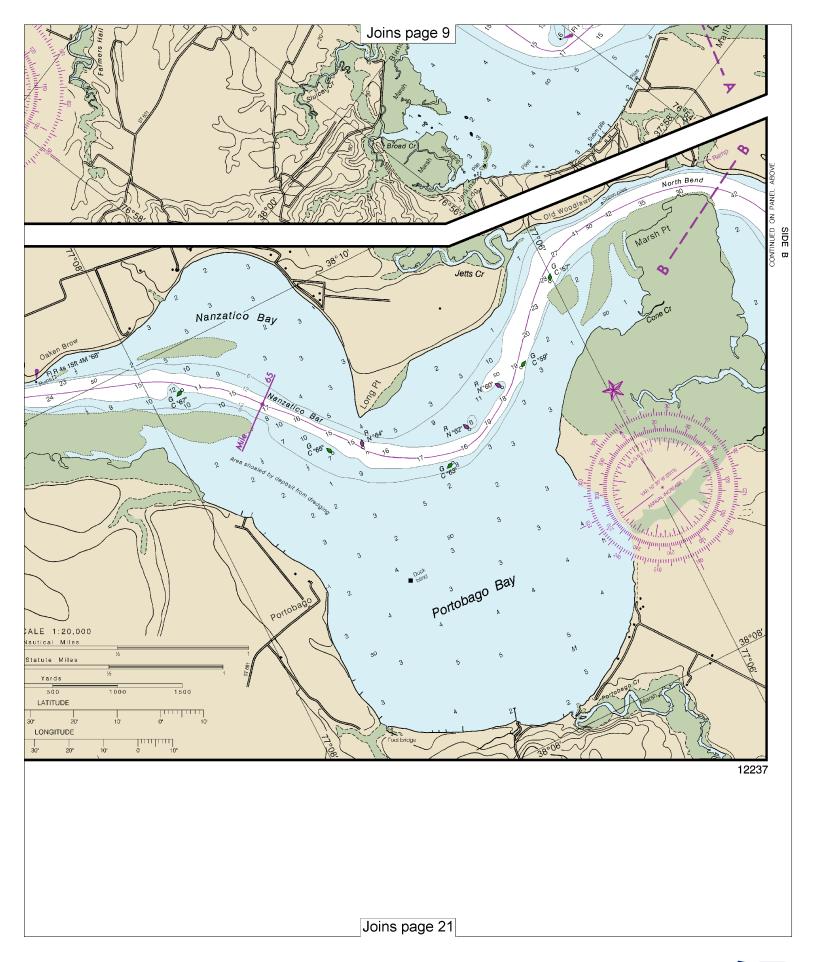












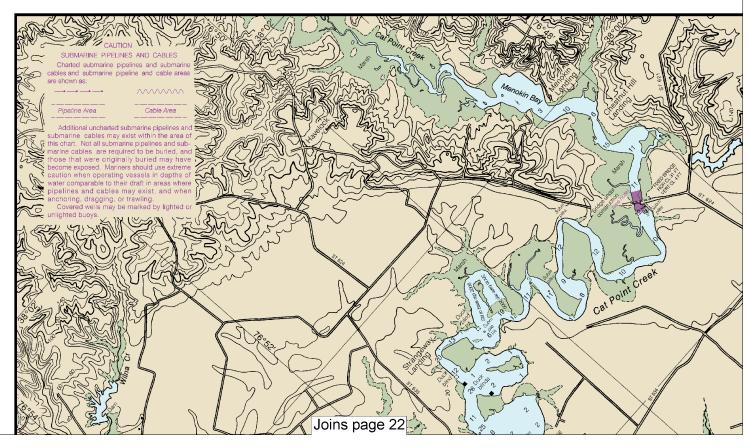


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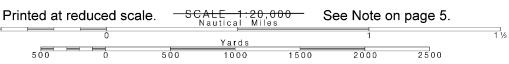
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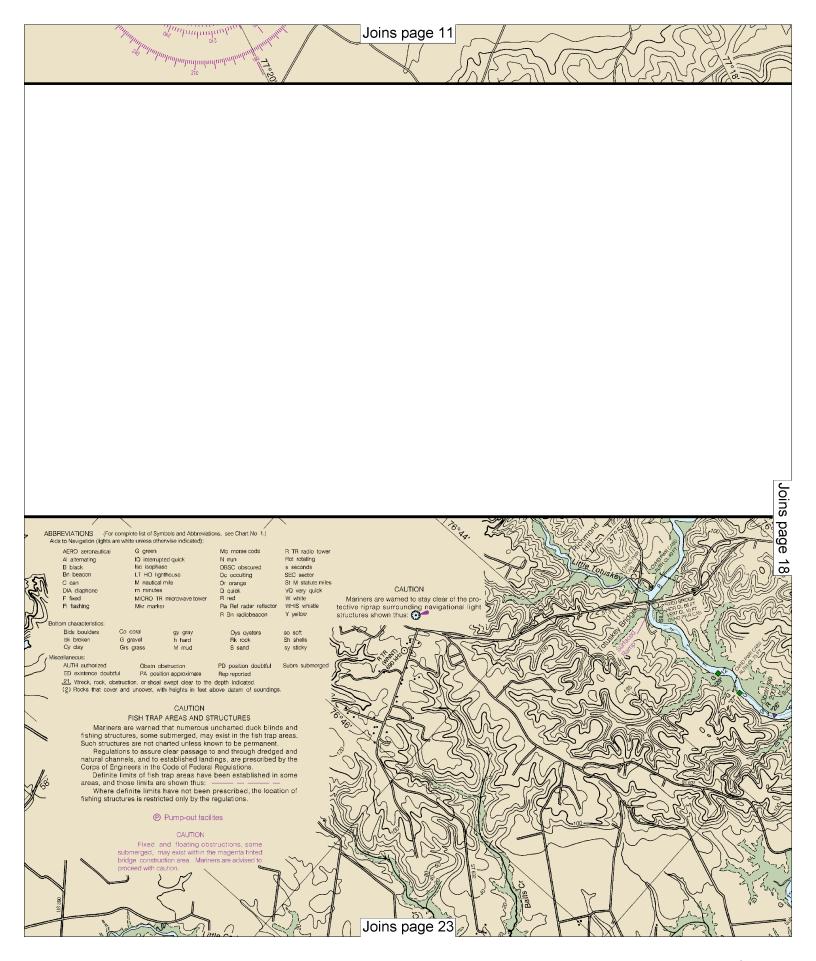
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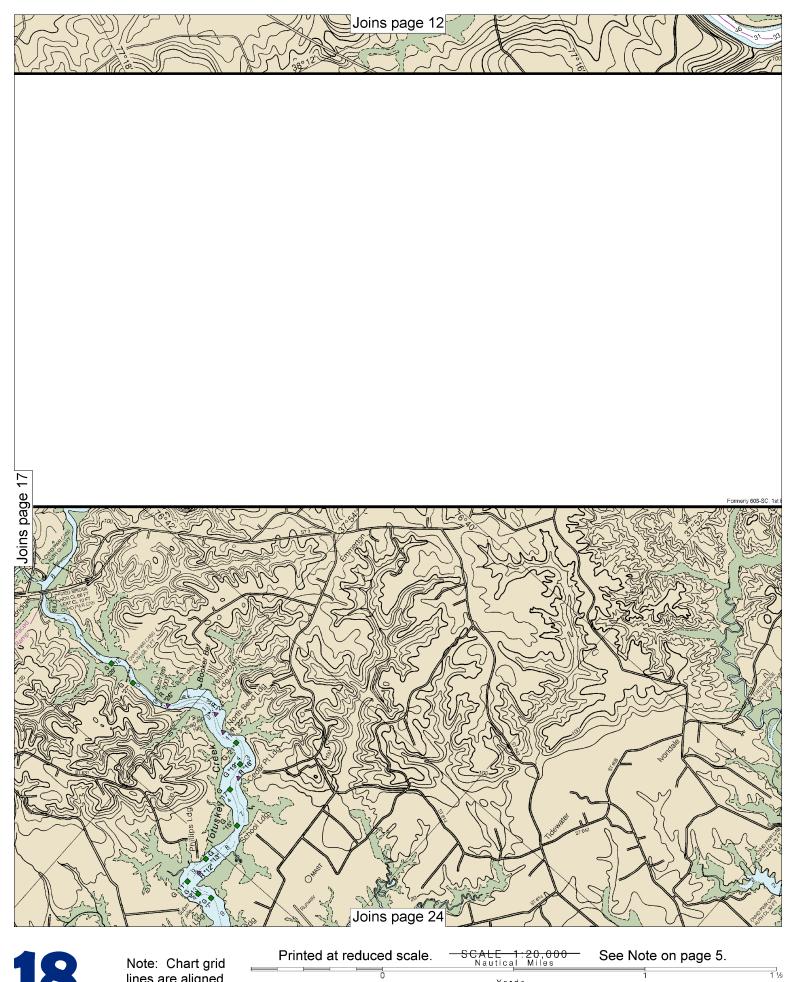
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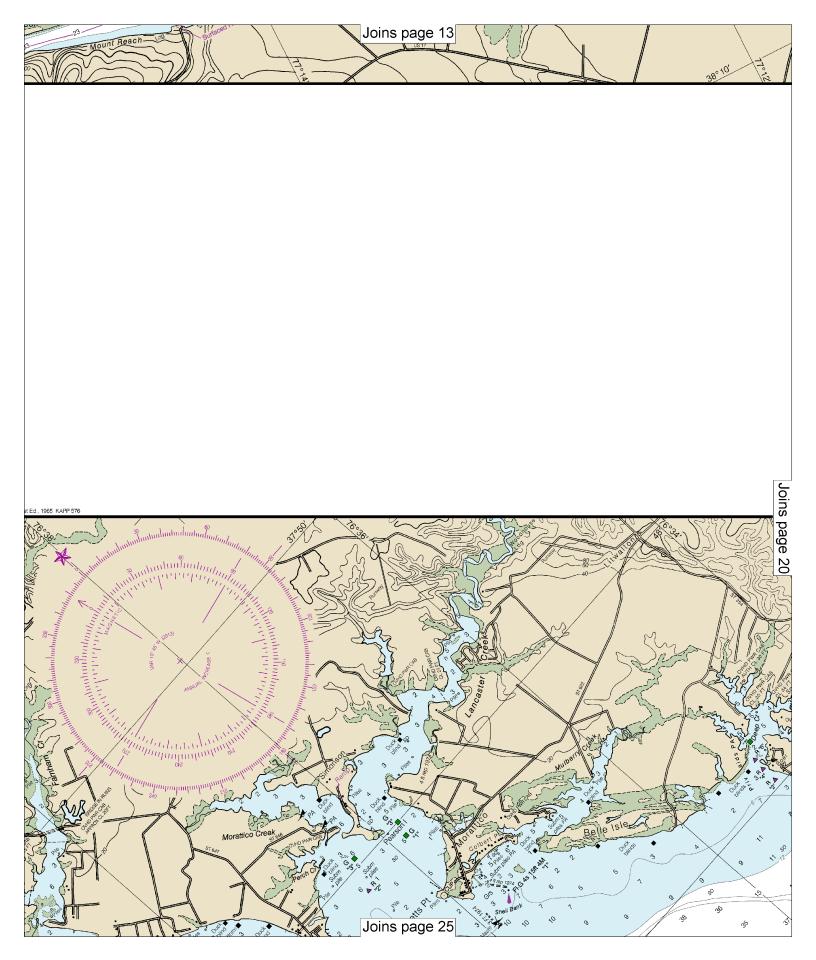


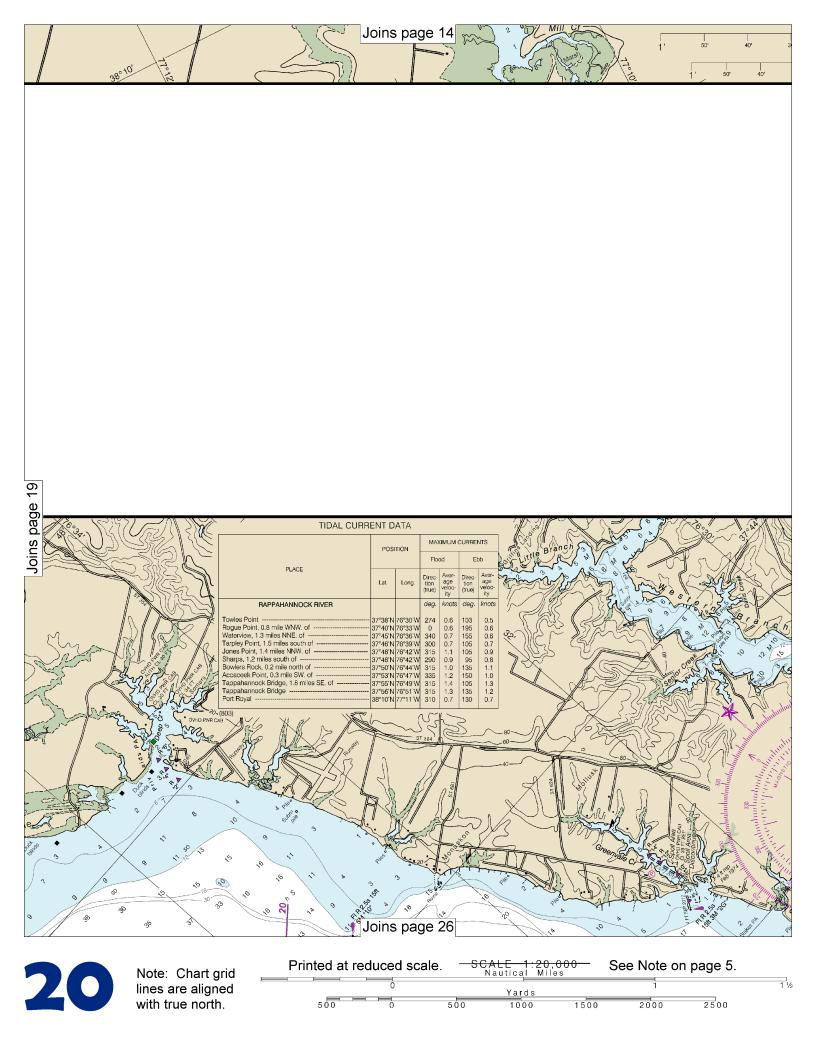


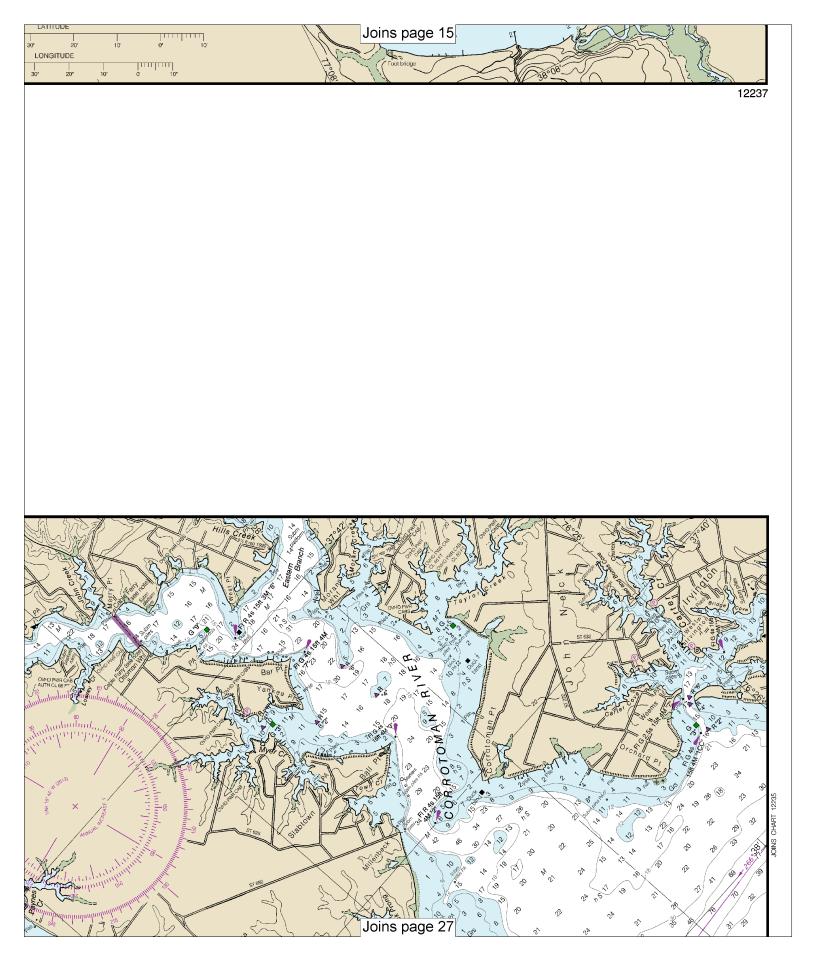


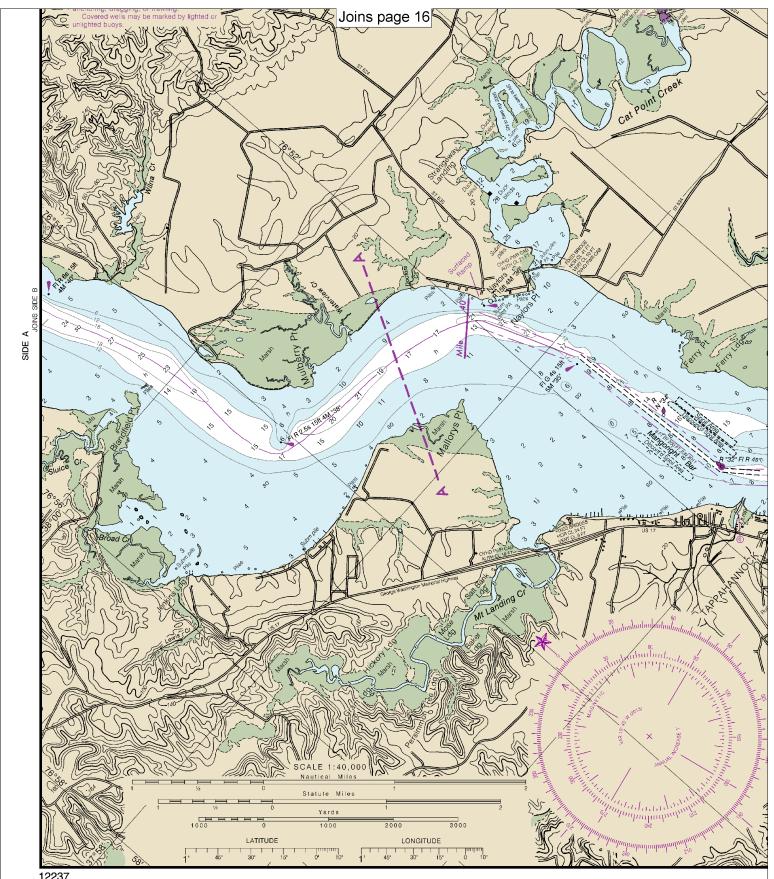






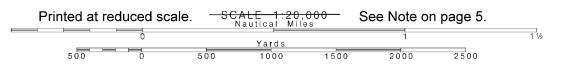


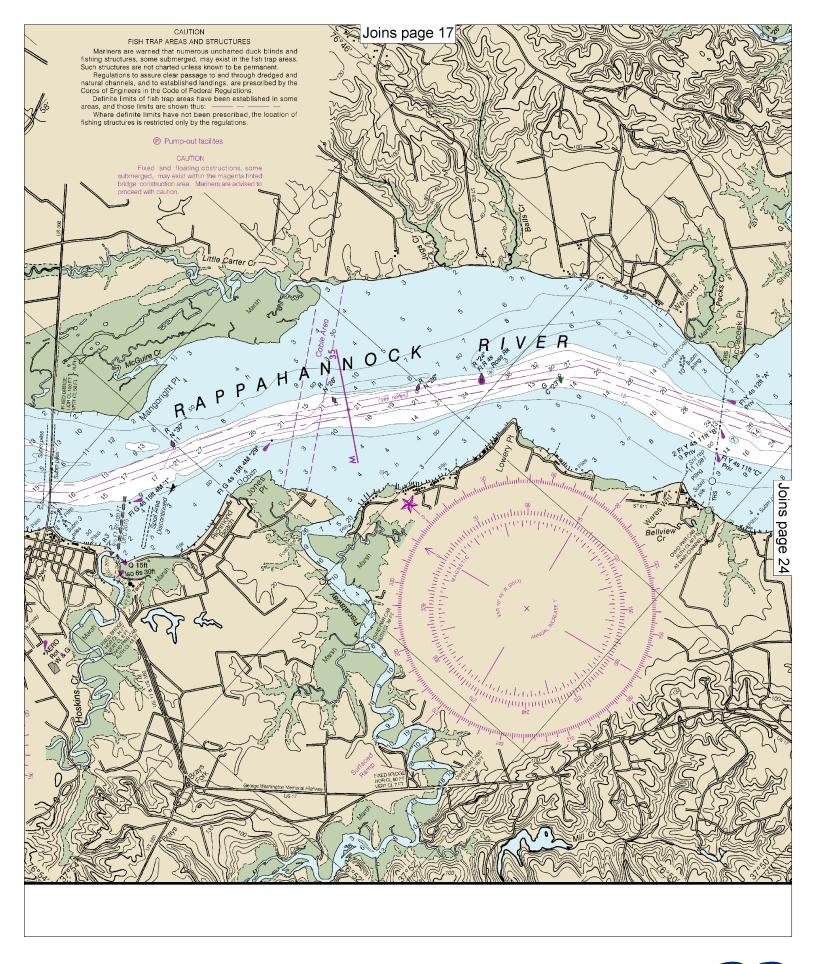


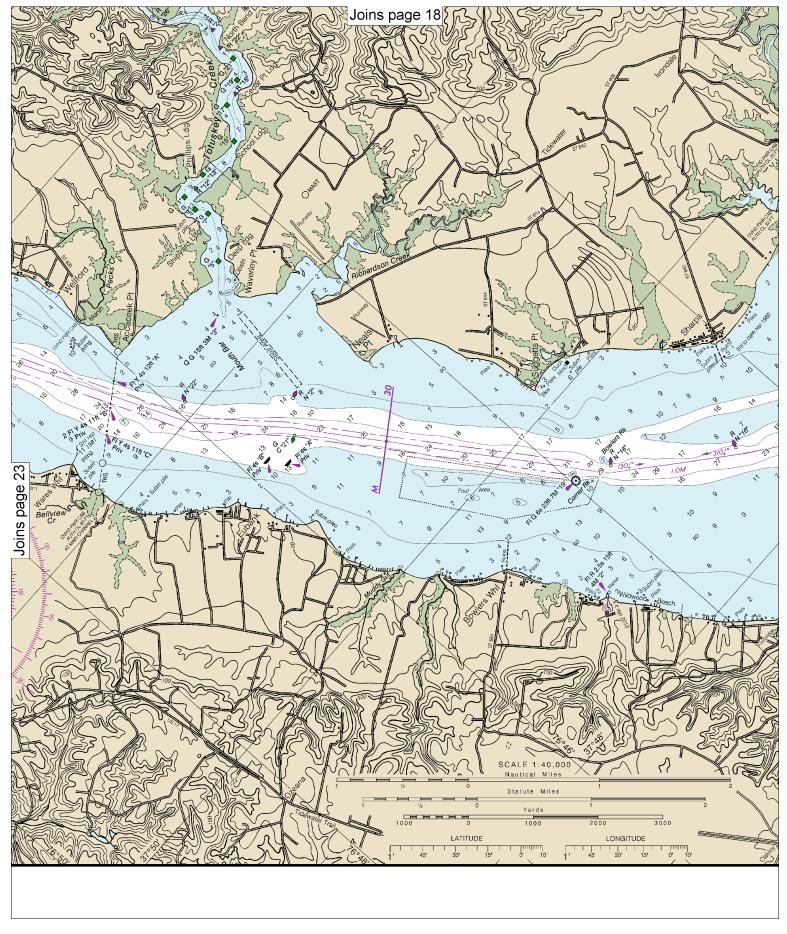


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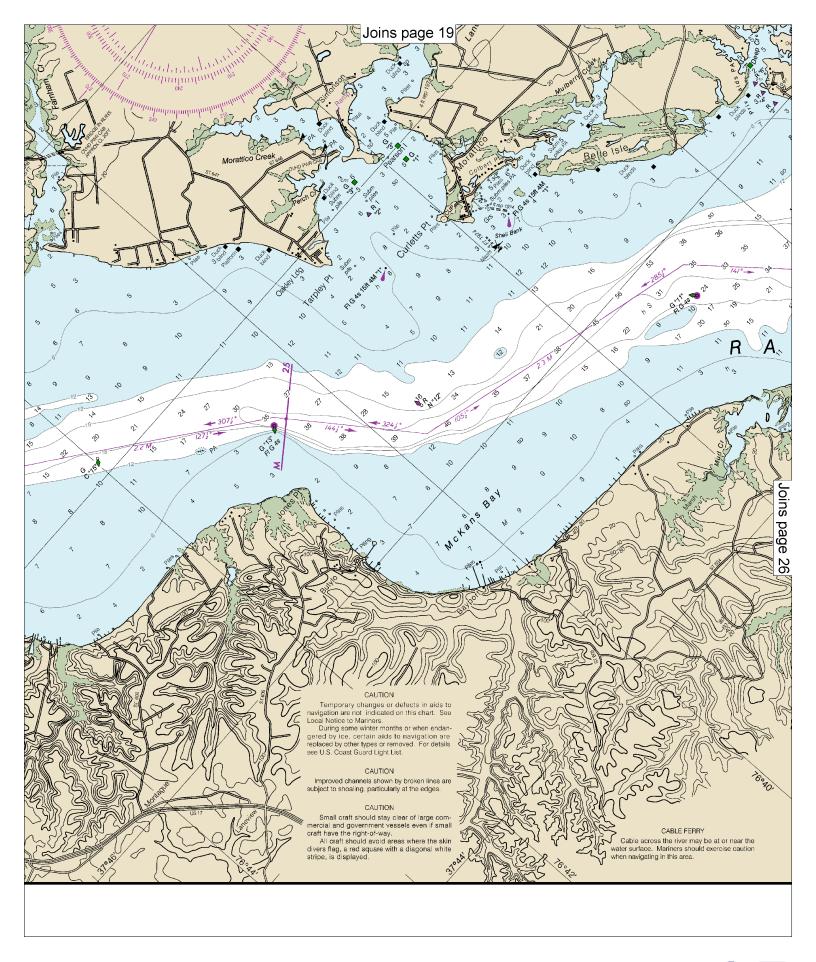
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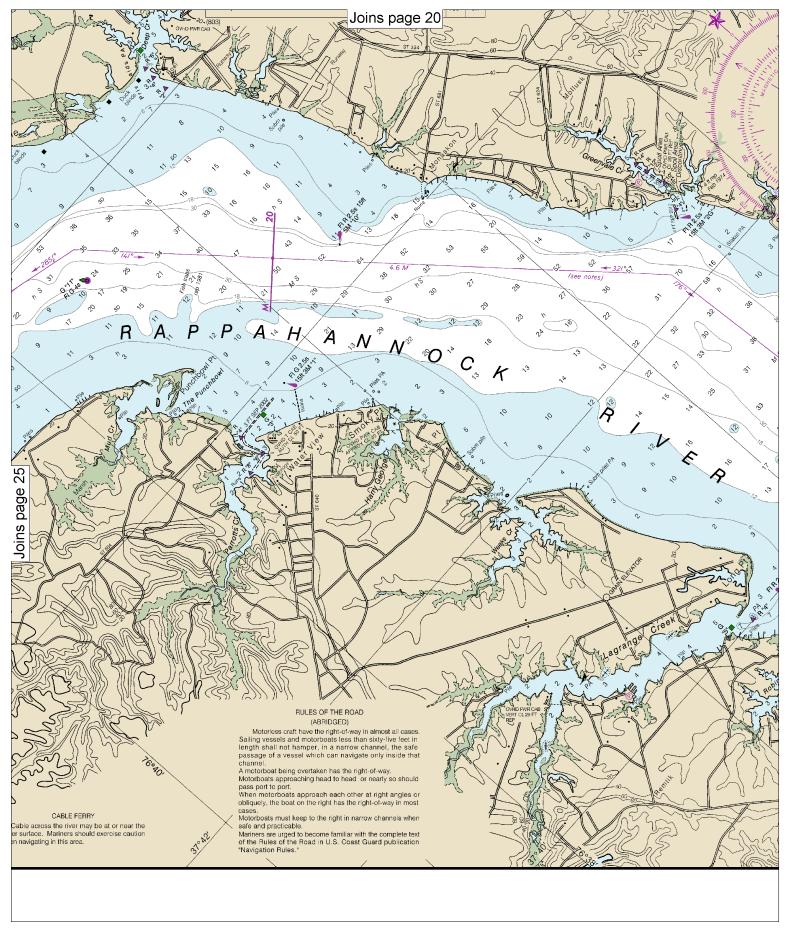


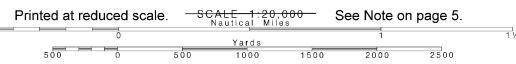


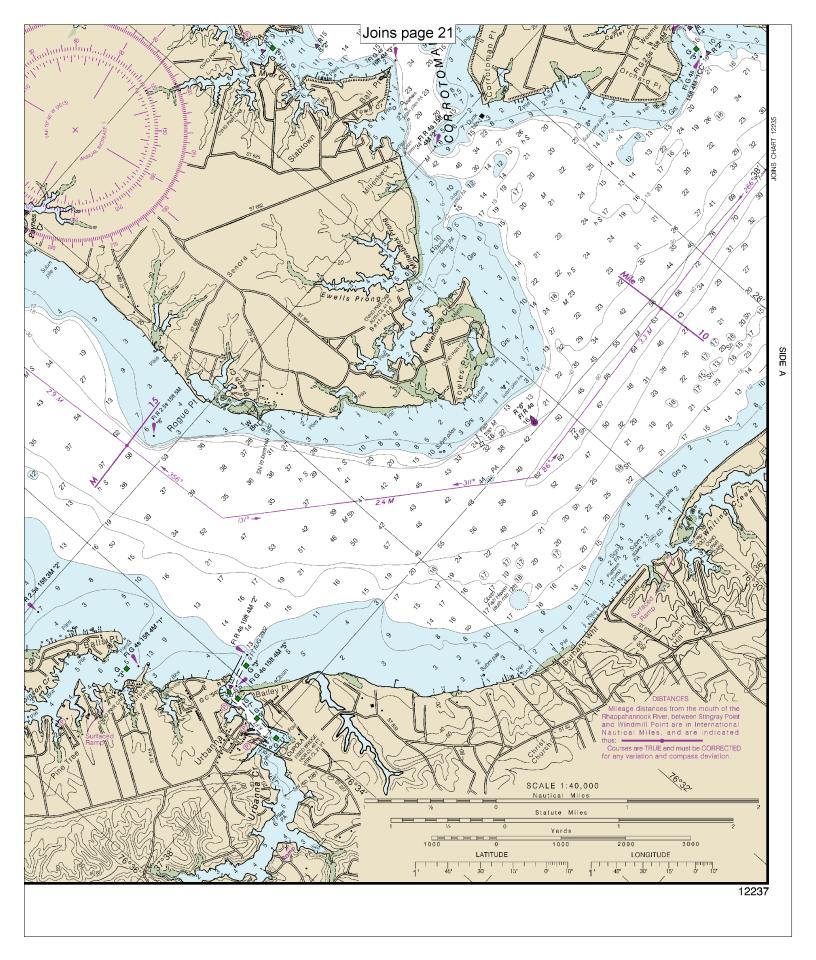














VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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